

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

National Women's Health Week

WHEREAS, National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right; and

WHEREAS, keeping women healthy and safe and promoting awareness of women's health issues depends on partnerships with social, health and other services; and

WHEREAS, women can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS, women's health remains a priority for families, communities and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2011, as **National Women's Health Week** in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 6^{7h} day of April, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State